



MEDIA ADVISORY Port of Miami Tunnel Project

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MIAMI PORT TUNNEL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED

MIAMI, FL— On November 1, 2006, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) released its Request for Proposals for the Port of Miami Tunnel and Access Improvement Project (POMT) to the three (3) consortia that will compete for the contract to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the facility.

The POMT project is being led by the FDOT in partnership with Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. The project is being developed as a private-public partnership through a concessionaire that would design and construct the tunnel and roadway improvements in up to five years and then operate and maintain the tunnel for thirty years after it opens to traffic.

Teams must respond with final proposals by February 15, 2007. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in early spring 2007.

On April 12, 2006 three groups responded to the FDOT's Request for Qualifications. Upon examination, each was determined to be eligible and "shortlisted." Information on the composition of the shortlisted teams has been posted at www.portofmiamitunnel.com under the "Newsroom" tab.

The POMT Project will help maintain the competitiveness of the Port of Miami, Miami-Dade County's second-leading economic generator, by improving access for cargo and passenger vehicles and reducing congestion along downtown Miami streets.

Information related to the Request for Proposals may be obtained by e-mailing the **District Six Procurement Administrator** at d6.contracts@dot.state.fl.us

For **additional information about the tunnel project**, visit www.portofmiamitunnel.com . Inquiries from the general public and news media pertaining to the tunnel project should be addressed to:

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